

REMARKS

In response to the pending Ex Parte Quayle Action, the Applicants provide the following remarks to address all issues cited by the Examiner. In view thereof, allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Claim 3, 27, 31, 34, 38 and 49 has been amended, claims 6 and 15-20 were previously canceled, and claims 41-47 were previously withdrawn; thus, claims 1-5, 7-14, 21-40 and 48-50 are pending in the application.

The Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 1-5, 7-14, 21-40 and 48-50 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Claim 49 was objected to by the Examiner for the reason cited on page 2 of the pending action. In view of above amendment to claim 49, it is believed that this objection is overcome. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions in connection with this paper, or otherwise if it would facilitate the examination of this application, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number below.

It is believed that no fees are currently due in connection with this submission. However, in the event of a fee deficiency, authorization is hereby given to charge any required fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 50-3569.

Respectfully submitted,

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